

**Amendments to the Claims:** (strikethrough parts deleted and underlined parts added)

**Please delete Claims 7, 11 and 19 without prejudice.**

1. (Currently Amended) An implement mounting system, comprising:  
a support frame;  
a ball joint attached to said support frame;  
a support arm having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is attached to said ball joint and wherein said second end receives an attachment structure for an implement;  
and  
a brace member attached between said support frame and said support arm, wherein said brace member is attached to a cross member, wherein said cross member is attached transversely to said support arm, wherein said cross member is attached to a central location upon said support arm.
2. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said ball joint is comprised of a ball-and-socket structure for providing various pivoting movements of said support arm.
3. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said brace member has an angle with respect to said support arm, wherein said angle is less than seventy-five degrees.
4. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said brace member has an angle with respect to said support arm, wherein said angle is less than seventy-five degrees and greater than ten degrees.
5. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said brace member is attached to said support frame via a ball-and-socket joint.

6. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 5, wherein said brace member is attached to said support arm via a ball-and-socket joint.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The implement mounting system of Claim 1 ~~Claim 7~~, wherein said cross member receives a pair of vertical actuators for allowing control of the lift and roll.

9. (Currently Amended) The implement mounting system of Claim 1 ~~Claim 7~~, wherein said brace member is attached near a distal end of said cross member.

10. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 9, wherein said distal end of said cross member is on an opposite side of said support arm of where said brace member is attached to said support frame.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said brace member is attached to a rear support of said support frame.

13. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said brace member is attached to a side support of said support frame.

14. (Currently Amended) An implement mounting system for supporting an implement utilized upon a tractor, comprising:  
a ball joint;

a support arm having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is attached to said ball joint and wherein said second end receives an attachment structure for an implement; and

a brace member attached to said support arm, wherein said brace member is attached to a cross member, wherein said cross member is attached transversely to said support arm, wherein said cross member is attached to a central location upon said support arm.

15. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 14, wherein said ball joint is comprised of a ball-and-socket structure for providing various pivoting movements of said support arm.

16. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 14, wherein said brace member has an angle with respect to said support arm, wherein said angle is less than seventy-five degrees.

17. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 14, wherein said brace member has an angle with respect to said support arm, wherein said angle is less than seventy-five degrees and greater than ten degrees.

18. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 14, wherein said brace member is attached to said support arm via a ball-and-socket joint.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 19, wherein said cross member receives a pair of vertical actuators for allowing control of the lift and roll.

**Please add the following claims:**

21. (New) An implement mounting system, comprising:

a support frame;

a ball joint attached to said support frame;

a support arm having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is attached to said ball joint and wherein said second end receives an attachment structure for an implement; and

a brace member attached between said support frame and said support arm.

22. (New) The implement mounting system of Claim 21, wherein said brace member has an angle with respect to said support arm, wherein said angle is less than seventy-five degrees.

23. (New) The implement mounting system of Claim 21, wherein said brace member has an angle with respect to said support arm, wherein said angle is less than seventy-five degrees and greater than ten degrees.